

Wheelchair Basketball Canada - Domestic Report 2015-2016
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In conjunction with last year's AGM, Phase 2 of our Competition Review was brought to life. It involved some difficult yet productive discussions and yielded some concrete results that were felt throughout this year's domestic season. I would like to thank all of the PSO representatives for their honest and constructive feedback during this process. I know that it is difficult to balance having your own program's best interest in mind while keeping all of the other programs' best interest in mind as well. Through patience and perseverance I believe that we accomplished quite a lot over a short period of time. The results from Phase 2 of the Competition Review can be found on our website.

Looking toward the spring, we started back in the first year of our quadrennial after a very successful Canada Games in 2015. This meant that we had four competitions in five weeks between April and May. I would like to thank all of our hosts for putting on such incredible events and allowing so many teams from across our country experience what it is like to be part of a National or Regional Championship. BCWBS hosted our CWBL National Championship, Parasports Quebec hosted our CWBL Women's National Championship, SWSA hosted our Jr. West Regional Championship and Parasport and Recreation PEI hosted our Jr. East Regional Championship. It should be noted that as a result of Phase 2 of our Competition Review, for the first time in the history of the event, the CWBL National Championship featured two tiers to promote maximum participation at the proper level of competition. The feedback from this was very positive and we are looking forward to having the same four competitions again this year. We have secured hosts for each competition except for our Jr. East Regional Championship.

This year's Special Project Funding saw Wheelchair Basketball Canada provide the most grant money in the history of this initiative. WBC helped fund over 47 different projects in 8 different provinces to the tune of \$38, 723.00. We appreciate the effort and commitment of all of our community members who made this possible. It is a strong indicator that wheelchair basketball is growing and our programming is becoming more robust in all facets and in all regions of our country.

A milestone that was accomplished by WBC this past year happened in the realm of coach education. At the end of March, WBC received final approval on both their Competition – Introduction Advanced and Competition – Development competencies. This achievement allows us to formally join the Coaching Association of Canada's new competency based National Coaching Certification Program which will see our coaches earn Professional Development points throughout a five year cycle. I would like to send a huge thank you to Tim Frick who has been an instrumental part of this journey and has shaped the future of our coaching curriculum in Canada. We must also acknowledge CAC for all of their guidance throughout this process. It is an exciting time for wheelchair basketball coaches and coach developers in Canada and I look forward to seeing what the future brings!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the medalists from all of our CWBL National and Regional competitions for this year:

CWBL Women's National Championship:

1st – Québec

2nd – Edmonton

3rd – Calgary

CWBL National Championship (Tier 1):

1st – Bulldogs du Québec

2nd – Scarbarian Tigers

3rd – Twin City Spinners

CWBL National Championship (Tier 2):

1st – Saskatchewan Club '99

2nd – Brampton Cruisers/Suns

3rd – Kamloops Bulldogs

Jr. West Regional Championship:

1st – AB – Blue

2nd – AB – Black

3rd – AB – White

Jr. East Regional Championship (9 point):

1st – Québec Blue

2nd – Ontario 1

3rd – Ontario 2

Jr. East Regional Championship (Open):

1st – New Brunswick

2nd – Quebec

3rd – Nova Scotia (FS)